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SUBJECT: VISIT TO USSR OF AMERICAN LIBRARY DELEGATION

1. EMBOFF CALLED AT MINCULT OCT 25 TO DISCUSS VISIT OF AMERICAN LIBRARY DELEGATION PROPOSED FOR NOVEMBER 14-28. MINCULT WAS REPRESENTED IN DISCUSSION BY ANNA NIKOLAYEVNA EFIMOVA AND BORIS ANDREYEVICH TARATUV OF LIBRARY DIVISION.

2. EMBOFF INDICATED THAT SINCE NO ANSWER HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM MINCULT IN RESPONSE TO DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED JUNE 14, 1976, PROPOSING VISIT (COPIES PASSED CU/EE AND EUR/SOV) EMB WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER MINCULT WAS PREPARED TO RECEIVE DELEGATION. EMBOFF THEN PRESENTED SECOND DIPLOMATIC NOTE (COPIES BEING FORWARDED) WHICH REFERS TO EARLIER NOTE AND CONVEYS SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS RE INSTITUTIONS TO BE VISITED.

SPECIFIC REQUESTS SUBMITTED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MOSCOW -

A. VISIT TO MINCULT AND DISCUSSIONS WITH Y.A. FENELONOV OF MIN'S COMPUTER CENTER

B. VISIT TO LENIN LIBRARY AND DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. A.B.

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RYABOV, DEP DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF AUTOMATION AND MECHANICS

C. VISIT TO ALL-UNION BOOK CHAMBER

D. VISIT TO ALL-UNION STATE LIBRARY OF FOREIGN LITERATURE AND DISCUSSIONS WITH E.A. LOMAKINA-RUMYANTSEVA AND V.I. KARIN
3. VISIT TO INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION
F. VISIT TO ALL-UNION INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL INFORMATION OF STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
G. VISIT TO ALL-UNION SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER OF STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
H. VISIT TO GORKII STATE RESEARCH LIBRARY OF MOSCOW STATE UNIV.
I. VISIT TO INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION ON SOCIAL SCIENCES OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
J. VISIT TO LIBRARY OF INSTITUTE OF USA STUDIES OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.
K. VISIT TO MAIN ARCHIVAL ADMINISTRATION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND TO ONE OR MORE OF ADMINISTRATION'S ARCHIVES

LENINGRAD -

A. VISIT LIBRARY OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF USSR
B. VISIT TO LENINGRAD STATE LIBRARY INSTITUTE
C. VISIT TO SALTYKOV-SHCHEDRIN LIBRARY

NOVOSIBIRSK -

A. VISIT TO STATE SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL LIBRARY OF SIBERIAN BRANCH OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF USSR

3. EFIMOVA TOLD EMBOFF THAT MINCULT HAD "NO OBJECTION" TO PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN FIRST NOTE AND FELT THAT RESPONSE WAS UNNECESSARY. EMBOFF INDICATED EMB EXPECTED RESPONSE TO NOTES. IN REVIEWING SPECIFIC REQUESTS ABOVE, SHE SAID MINCULT HAD BEEN PLANNING TO HAVE DELEGATION VISIT MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND VILNIUS. SHE SAID VISIT TO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES LIBRARY IN NOVOSIBIRSK WOULD BE "DIFFICULT," BUT SHE PROMISED TO "TRY" TO ARRANGE VISIT THERE. EMBOFF STRESSED THAT NOVOSIBIRSK IS WELL-KNOWN TO AMERICANS IN ACADEMIC CIRCLES AND VISIT THERE WAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. EFIMOVA SAID SHE UNDERSTOOD AND "WOULD TRY."

4. VISIT TO VILNIUS IN ADDITION TO OR AS ALTERNATIVE TO NOVOSIBIRSK WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, BE ACCEPTABLE. VILNIUS IS SUPPOSEDLY SITE OF ONE OF USSR'S MOST MODERN LIBRARY FACILITIES. ADDITIONALLY, NOV.
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WEATHER CAN MEAN LONG DELAYS ON FLIGHTS TO CITIES SUCH AS NOVOSIBIRSK RESULTING IN MISSED APPOINTMENTS. TRAVEL BETWEEN MOSCOW-LENINGRAD-VILNIUS CAN ALL BE BY TRAIN, WHICH WOULD BE FAR MORE DEPENDABLE. REQUEST DEPT ADVISE RE DELEGATION MEMBERS' VIEWS ON VILNIUS PERHAPS IN ADDITION TO BUT MORE LIKELY AS ALTERNATIVE TO NOVOSIBIRSK AS THIRD CITY TO BE VISITED. MATLOCK

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